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SUBJECT: SALVADORAN FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTS MEETING WITH
SECRETARY CLINTON

[1](#)1. This is an action cable. Please see paragraph four.

[1](#)2. On Wednesday, January 21, the office of Salvadoran Foreign Minister Marisol Argueta de Barillas contacted the embassy and requested a meeting with Secretary Clinton on the morning of Tuesday, January 27. Minister Argueta will be in Washington for Holocaust commemorative ceremonies on January 26-27.

[1](#)3. Comment: We urge the Department to accept the meeting if possible. This is a valuable opportunity to engage a key ally on the eve of crucial March 15 Presidential elections, as well as to encourage Salvadoran regional leadership on the Merida Initiative, Pathways to Prosperity, and other U.S. priorities in Central America. End comment.

[1](#)4. Please notify embassy as soon as possible if the Secretary will be able to take the meeting as requested.
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